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Attorney Docket No.: 040894-5411-01

Dear Examiner Mai:

In accordance with your request, attached is a description of the matter to be discussed during the in-person interview scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2003. The interview will be attended by Baldine B. Paul and Paul A. Fournier. I look forward to meeting with you at 11:00AM on Tuesday, October 14, 2003.

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**FOR THE IN-PERSON INTERVIEW OF OCTOBER 14, 2003**

Applicant respectfully submits that Sudipto should not be considered as prior art in the present application under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103 for the following reasons.


- **On February 17, 1999, Applicant filed a Claim for Priority** and a Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 10-037178 in prior U.S. Application No. 09/251,425 of which the instant application is a Divisional.
- **The Priority Document, Japanese Patent Application No. 10-037178, was filed in Japan on February 19, 1998.** Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a).
- **Applicant filed on August 5, 2003 a verified translation** of Japanese Patent Application No. 10-037178.
- **The Japanese publication date of Sudipto is September 2, 1998** which is after the **February 19, 1998** priority date to which this application is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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